

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations.

The following special regulations also apply:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used. The use of antlerless permits is allowed.
- Only bucks that have at least four antler points on one side of their rack may be taken during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons (except the youth portions).
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between September 1 and January 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address or conservation number of the user and must be removed from the area by February 1. Use of nails or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.



Welcome

Missouri is a state rich in history, folklore and natural resources. The conservation Department encourages you to visit, use and enjoy this area and other Department areas.

Land surrounding Ferguson-Herold Conservation Area belongs to private landowners. The boundaries adjoining private property are clearly marked. Please respect landowners' rights with these simple courtesies: obtain permission before going on private property, pick up all litter, be careful with fire, do not damage property, practice safe hunting.

Nearby Department Areas:

Baltimore Bend Conservation Area
Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area
Cecil G. Grove Memorial Conservation Area
Maple Leaf Lake Conservation Area
Sni-A-Bar Conservation Area

For local information contact:

Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center
1401 NW Park Road
Blue Springs, MO 64015
816-228-3766

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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CONSERVATION AREA



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Ferguson-Herold Conservation Area

About This Area

Ferguson-Herold Conservation Area is located in western Lafayette County, 2 miles southwest of Bates City. Visitors will find a parking lot located along the Walton Road.

The Conservation Department acquired this area as a generous donation from the Harriet P. Copple Trust in remembrance of the Ferguson and Herold families, who owned and farmed the land since 1867.

Colonel James Walton and family first homesteaded the property in 1839. The “Walton Farm” had a large southern-style mansion and slave quarters. They grew tobacco, hemp, wheat, and corn, and allowed livestock to graze the unfenced range. Unable to maintain the farm after slavery was abolished following the Civil War, the Waltons sold the property to Alfred and Sedena Ferguson in 1867. The Fergusons, originally from Ohio, arrived in Pleasant Hill by train, before making their final trek with their livestock and personal possessions to the farm by wagon and on foot.

The 175-acre area includes rolling hills, crop fields, old fields, and small tracts of timber. Four small fishless ponds are present, and the head waters of the Little Horseshoe Creek start on the property.

Hunting opportunities on Ferguson-Herold Conservation Area are enhanced by the re-establishment of the historic prairie, restoration of the woodland natural communities through thinning and prescribe burning, and by the creation of early successional habitat.

Things to Do

- Hunting
- Hiking
- Wildlife viewing
- Outdoor photography

Rules and Regulations

Area hours: Open daily from 4:00 am to 10:00 pm
Hunting, fishing, dog training are permitted at any time when authorized

- No littering. No waste containers are provided. Area users should properly dispose of their own trash.
- No fireworks.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- No horseback riding.
- No camping.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild green may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to parking areas.
- Bicycles are allowed only on service roads.
- No target shooting allowed

